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“Ironic Elements in Short Stories”

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9.3 Active and Passive Voice

My sentence: One main characteristic of irony is that it is often used to convey the difference between what is expected and what actually happens.

Explanation: Do not use the passive voice with phrases such as “is often used.”

Revised example: One main characteristic of irony is that it conveys the difference between what is expected and what actually happens.

Original example: I forgot to flush the toilet but I’m sure someone will find my mess tomorrow.